

## **WHAT IS SIMPLE PAST TENSE?**

The Simple Past tense is used to talk about actions or events that happened in the past.

### **Structure:**

- Positive: Subject + past verb form
  - *She worked in a factory.*
  - *They arrived last night.*
- Negative: Subject + did not + base verb
  - *He did not understand the law.*
  - *We did not receive the documents.*
- Question: Did + subject + base verb?
  - *Did you attend the meeting?*
  - *Did she apply for asylum?*

### **Common Uses:**

- Talking about past events: *She moved to this country last year.*
- Describing completed actions: *The government passed a new law.*
- Explaining personal experiences: *I met many people at the protest.*

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### **Examples Related to Migrant Issues**

1. *Maria arrived in the city two years ago.*
2. *They applied for refugee status last month.*
3. *He did not know his worker rights before the training.*
4. *The organization helped many families last year.*
5. *Did you attend the community meeting?*

6. *Did the lawyer explain the process to you?*
7. *We did not receive any support when we arrived.*

Tip:

- Regular verbs end in "-ed" (work → worked, help → helped).
  - Irregular verbs change completely (go → went, see → saw).
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### Practice Exercises

A. Fill in the blanks with the correct past verb form

1. She \_\_\_\_\_ (learn) about her rights last week.
2. They \_\_\_\_\_ (not have) enough food when they arrived.
3. The organization \_\_\_\_\_ (provide) free legal aid.
4. He \_\_\_\_\_ (not know) where to find work.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (attend) the protest?

B. Rewrite the sentences in negative form

1. The migrants found a safe shelter. → \_\_\_\_\_
2. She spoke to a human rights lawyer. → \_\_\_\_\_
3. The workers received their wages on time. → \_\_\_\_\_
4. He knew about the visa application process. → \_\_\_\_\_
5. They stayed in a temporary camp. → \_\_\_\_\_

C. Discussion Questions

- What challenges did you face when you arrived in a new country?
  - How did organizations or communities support migrants in the past?
  - Why is it important to learn about past experiences of migrants?
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